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The Honorable Helen McLeod Thomson Member of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 4140 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblywoman Thomson:

Thank you for your letter of March 23, 1998, requesting a public hearing in Vacaville on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's draft *Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report* (PEIS/EIR).

You may be aware that we have established a 75-day comment period for this document and scheduled twelve hearings throughout the state, beginning April 21, 1998. We believe it is appropriate to wait until that time to begin public hearings, so that the public can use the intervening time to review and understand the PEIS/EIR.

I am pleased to inform you that we have been able to schedule additional public hearings, including a hearing in Vacaville on May 19, 1998, at the Opera House.

Additionally, as the enclosed map indicates, public hearings are scheduled throughout the state, and the CALFED Program is accepting written public comment throughout the comment period, which ends June 1, 1998. Written comments can be directed to:

CALFED Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, CA 95814 Attention: Rick Breitenbach

I hope this information is helpful. Please call me at (916) 657-2666 if you have questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow

Executive Director

Enclosure

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